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BUDAPEST ENERGY CHARTER FORUM

“Securing Energy Flows – Energy Union and Beyond”

Jointly organised by the
Energy Charter Secretariat
Ministry of National Development of Hungary

Pesti Vigadó
2. Vigadó tér
Budapest 1051
Hungary

7 October 2015

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. VENUE AND DATE OF THE EVENT

Budapest Energy Charter Forum will be held at the premises **Pesti Vigadó** on **7 October 2015** in Budapest, Hungary.

1. 1. Venue: Pesti Vigadó

Pesti Vigadó (http://vigado.hu)	Contact (Ministry of National Development)	
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Reach us by Metro

- Metro line 1, Vörösmarty Square (Vörösmarty tér), 3 minutes walk
- Metro line 3, Ferenciek Square (Ferenciek tere), 9 minutes walk

Reach us by Bus

- Bus 7, 107, 7E, 133, 233, 5, 8, Ferenciek Square (Ferenciek tere), 9 minutes walk

Reach us by Tram

Tram 2, Vigadó tér (Vigadó Square)

More information on public transport in Budapest can be found here:

<http://www.bkv.hu/en/>

1. 2 Venue Map

<https://goo.gl/Bp4HD3>

1. 3 Forum Co-ordinators

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2. REGISTRATION

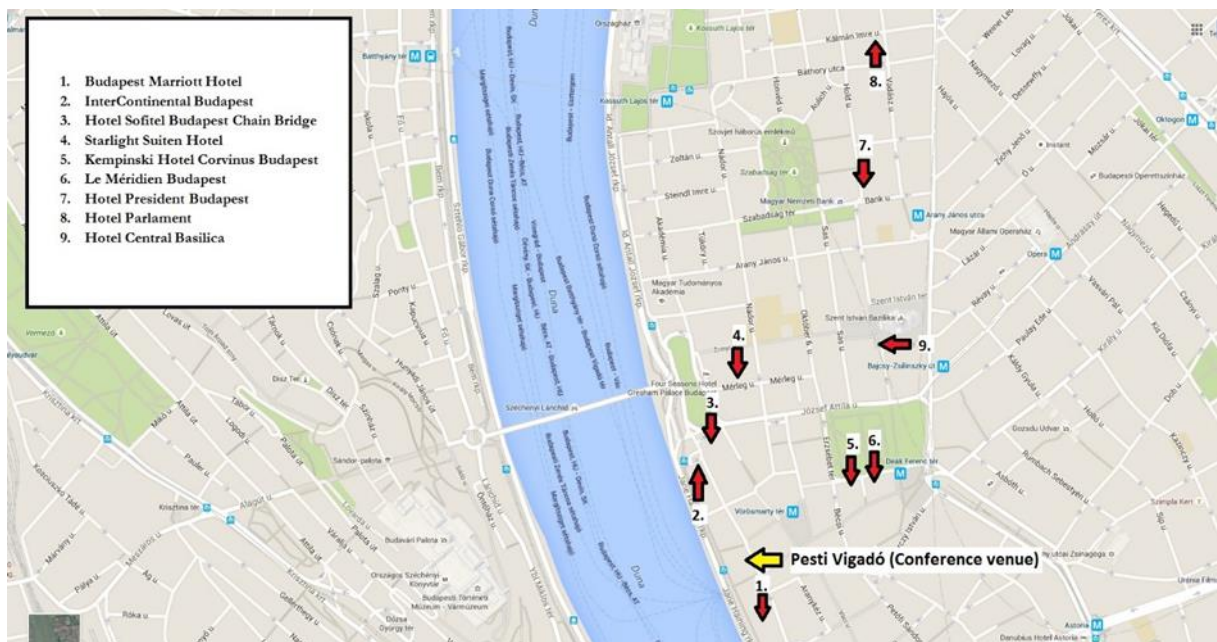
The registration desk will be located on the ground floor of the **Pesti Vigadó**, together with the security check. **It will be open from 9.30 until 10.00 on Wednesday, 7 October 2015.**

Upon registration, please present your identification (ID card or passport that you provided in your registration form) and undergo a required security check. For security reasons, please wear your identification badge that you will receive upon registration at all times during the Forum, as well as during social events.

3. VISA SUPPORT

For visa support, please contact Ms Anna Szilvia Tóth (contact details above).

4. SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION



Budapest Marriott Hotel

InterContinental Budapest

Hotel Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge

Starlight Suiten Hotel

Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest

Le Méridien Budapest

Hotel President Budapest

Hotel Parlament

Hotel Central Basilica

5. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

The event organisers (see above) are at your disposal and can advise you on the means of transportation in and around Budapest further to the information below.

5. 1 How to get to and from Budapest National Airport

By bus: <http://www.bkk.hu/apps/docs/terkep/repter.pdf>

5. 2 How to get to and from Vienna National Airport

By bus: http://www.viennaairport.com/en/passengers/arrival_parking/bus_connections

5. 3 Official taxi services

Főtaxi:

<http://fotaxi.hu/Read/195#main-menu>

Budapest Airport Shuttle:

<http://www.airportshuttle.hu/en>

6. WORKING LANGUAGE

The official language of the Forum is **English**. No interpretation will be provided. The individual parts of the Forum may be audio recorded for internal use by the organisers.

7. PROTOCOL

Standard protocol rules apply for high-level speakers/events.

8. INFORMATION CENTRE

The event will be closed to the public. An information centre will be available for all participants providing access to computers with access to the Internet and connected to a printer/scanner/copier).

9. PRACTICAL & TOURISTIC INFORMATION

9. 1 Information on Budapest

This capital in the heart of Europe offers a wide range of infrastructure adapted to your events, and rich in extraordinary places. Since the entry of Hungary into the European Union in 2004, Budapest hasn't stopped growing. The infrastructure in Budapest has been developing vastly in the last couple of years, and luxury hotels have opened their doors to host organizations and substantial events.

Budapest often called the city of thermal baths, because Budapest is the only capital of the world which has more than 80 thermal sources feeding more than 30 thermal baths – each one extraordinarily attractive. This unique situation allows you to relax there after a working day – in any period of the year.

The Hungarian cuisine is a fusion of Eastern and Western influence. Budapest has various restaurants where you can taste traditional or contemporary cuisine.

The events, festivals, and fairs are organized during the whole year. Every season gives a distinct colour to the city.

More information can be found about Budapest on the following link:

<http://www.budapest.com>

9. 2 Visit Hungary

Hungary is a country at the heart of Europe. While not large in terms of population (it has 10 million inhabitants) Hungary has a wealth of culture and history, complemented by a language completely different from its neighbours. It can be said that Hungary is a land of great contrasts:

Hungary is landlocked like its neighbours Austria, Slovakia and Serbia though it still deserves the nickname "land of waters", as it holds the largest lake in Europe (Lake Balaton)

and is crossed by mighty rivers which divide and define its regions. Even its capital city is split by the Danube River, with Buda on the Western side and Pest on the Eastern bank. As well as water to cool off in, Hungary can be the perfect place to keep warm, as it is located over a very active geo-thermic area and has over a thousand thermal water springs and the second largest thermal Lake in the world for bathing (Lake Hévíz). "Taking the waters" for relaxation or as clinical treatments, is an important part of the Hungarian culture.

Not only the landscape, but also the culture and the people of Hungary also show great variety. Traditions and regional customs have developed in all aspects of everyday life from food to music and dance, and from clothing to decor. These lifestyles have been kept alive through the ages, though of course the modern world and all innovations in communication and conveniences are not lacking here.

Larger cities and especially the capital, are powerhouses of new ideas in all aspects of business and even leisure.

More information can be found about Hungary on the following link:

<http://gotohungary.com/about-hungary>

9. 3 Budapest City Tours

As it is a very popular touristic city - Budapest provides a full range of high quality tailor made tourism services both for individual travellers and groups.

The following site can give reliable information about the most popular sightseeing tours, programs, and recommendations how to make more pleasant the time spent in Budapest and Hungary:

<http://goo.gl/5kPL2J>

9. 4 Weather

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/hu/budapest/187423/weather-forecast/187423>

The climate of Budapest is humid continental. Due to its position far from any moderating bodies of water, there are large temperature differences between seasons. Winter (November until early March) can be cold and the city receives little sunshine. Snowfall is fairly frequent in most years, and night time temperatures of -10°C (14°F) are not uncommon between mid-December and mid-February. The spring months (March and April) see variable conditions, with a rapid increase in the average temperature. The weather in late March and April is often very agreeable during the day and fresh at night. Budapest's long summer - lasting from May until mid-September - is warm or very warm. Budapest has as much summer sunshine as many Mediterranean resorts. Sudden heavy showers also occur, particularly in May and June. The autumn in Budapest (mid-September until late October) is characterised by little rain and long sunny days with moderate temperatures. Temperatures often turn abruptly colder in late October.

Mean annual precipitation in Budapest is around 23.5 inches (600 mm). On average, there are 78 days with precipitation and 1988 hours of sunshine (of a possible 4383) each year.

The city lies on the boundary between Zone 6 and Zone 7 in terms of the hardiness zone.

9. 5 Additional information

In Hungary, the currency is Forint, driving on the right side, the international dialling code is +36, and the Internet TLD is .hu. The time zone is CET (UCT +1 hour).

As most parts of the world, Hungary uses GSM 900 / GSM 1800 MHz for mobile networks.

Hungary uses 230 V, 50 Hz frequency, and E-type of plugs. 'C' style plug can be used with 'E' and 'F' receptacles. All double-insulated appliances are fitted with a 'C' plug, and can be used in any compatible receptacle (C E F and narrow L).
